

Pricing Sources for New HCPCS Codes for Power Wheelchairs Posted for Public Review and Comment

In June of 2006, CMS announced new HCPCS codes for power mobility devices that will be implemented on October 1, 2006. These codes will help facilitate accurate Medicare payment and ensure beneficiary access to medically necessary power mobility devices. The process of establishing the codes has been a collaborative effort between CMS, device manufacturers, suppliers, clinicians, rehabilitation engineers, and product testing facilities.

The next step in this process is to share pricing information CMS has gathered for use in establishing the Medicare fee schedule amounts for power wheelchairs. This information is being posted below for public review and includes both the median wholesale and suggested retail prices reported by manufacturers of products classified under each code. In addition to suggested prices from manufacturers, CMS obtained actual retail prices from several reputable internet sites that specialize in furnishing power wheelchairs and are widely used by Medicare beneficiaries and other consumers. We are very interested in receiving comments on this information and are especially interested in suggestions on how to obtain more information on actual retail prices and the prevalence of these prices. Any comments on this information can be submitted via email by August 25, 2006, to Michael.Rich@cms.hhs.gov.

Power Wheelchair Pricing Sources [Excel Zipped 18KB]

This pricing effort is one of several efforts underway to help secure a pathway to more open, transparent, and accurate pricing of power wheelchairs, power mobility devices, and other durable medical equipment. Determining pricing sources that best reflect pricing on a free and open market ensures efficient pricing and better access to current technology. We will continue to work to refine our methods for establishing Medicare payment amounts using valid, realistic, and equitable pricing sources.